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Women-5:30 p.m.
Men-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 29,
C.F. Gayles
Fieldhouse

Holiday Concert
8 p.m.,
Thursday, Nov. 29,
I.W. Young
Auditorium

Pre-Enrollment
Oct. 9-Nov. 30,
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Water tower gets makeover



Photo by Kayla Jones

The 50,000-gallon, 110-foot high water tower on campus now has an LU logo painted on it to display university pride. During the week of Nov. 12-16, several parking lots near the tower, which is

located east of the Physical Plant, were closed so excess paint would not affect vehicles. This was the first time in about 32 years that the tower has been painted.

Students must pre-enroll by the end of November

By Kayla Jones
Editor

With the fall semester coming to an end at Langston University, students are already preparing for spring 2013. Pre-enrollment is crucial for this preparation.

For students who meet all the criteria, pre-enrollment is an opportunity to enroll in classes early for the next semester. Students are strongly encouraged to pre-enroll for the spring.

"The earlier the students

register for classes, the better their chances of obtaining the classes they want or need, (in) the time they need them," said Earnestine Thomas, associate registrar.

The pre-enrollment process is much different from previous years. For spring 2013, the university is enforcing all students who live on campus to pre-enroll before they leave for winter break.

If students are not pre-enrolled before leaving, they will not be permitted to stay in their apartment and will

be forced to move out.

Thomas said pre-enrolling can also mean a longer winter break for some.

"Students will have a longer stay at home and will not have to return to school before classes start," Thomas said.

Students who pre-enroll also have a chance of winning some prizes from the university. Previously, LU has given incentive prizes such as iPads and Xboxes.

Adrian Smith, junior integrated technology major,

said he thinks pre-enrollment is a good idea so students will be better-prepared for the upcoming semester.

To qualify for pre-enrollment, students must have 61 credit hours or more and a zero balance with financial aid. They also need to have correctly filled out their FAFSA and be in good standing with the university with no academic problems.

All students should contact their advisers if they

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Woman encourages unity among other women at LU

As black women going to an HBCU, there are certain things that we experience. One goal of the women of Langston University is to succeed in school as well as social life. But the road to success is never easy.

Daily, we are faced with the judgment of one another, trying to be "good enough" for everyone.

We try to compete with one another when it comes to developing a relationship with the opposite sex. In doing this, we have given one another as well as the opposite sex, a bad perception of how we should be treated.

As a little girl most of us were taught to act like a lady; always demanding respect from a man and not letting anyone take advantage of us. We were also taught that whatever we wanted in life, to go for it and much more.

Somehow we lost sight of what we were taught and are so wrapped up in being "better" than the rest. We have become so focused in

being strong, independent women that we have failed to help our fellow women to do the same.

Some women on campus have their own definitions of success and how to get it. They also have their own opinions on the way we treat one another and what we can do to change it.

"To be successful at Langston University as women, we must walk ambitiously in our own purpose," said LaKeira Watson, junior biology major.

"We must not define success in our possessions or in what title we bear, or not even the wardrobe we choose to flaunt; we cannot lose sight of the greatness that lies within us," Watson said. "If we do, we will fail."

There are other women on campus who agree.

"To be a successful woman you have to have a good head on your shoulders and know how to be stern but respectful at the same time," said Jasmine Johnson, math-



Meigs

ematics education major.

Watson said that naturally, we are competitive with one another. She said she thinks some women have a common insecure mind set. She said there is a simple way to change this.

"Corinthians 13:8 says, 'Love never fails.' We have to love each other; know that without the success of our sisters, we as a whole will never be successful in the eye of our society," Watson said.

At LU, you have to have a strong foundation and strict morals, or people will run over you.

Johnson said you must surround yourself with positive people and build relationships with the staff.

Some women think we should come together and be more understanding of one another.

What we allow to happen shows others how they can treat you. If we don't respect ourselves, then the opposite sex doesn't respect us either.

"Men see us in a combination of the way we generally portray ourselves, and what is 'said' about our perceived image (and) who we are, the way we dress, speak, act and the comments we make," Watson said.

When it comes to relationships between women, some women would love to see us come together instead of separating ourselves by the way we look, dress, talk, etc. There's so much more than what meets the eye.

Andrenique Meigs is a sophomore broadcast journalism major.

Question of the Week

What is something you do to help cope with the stress of finals?



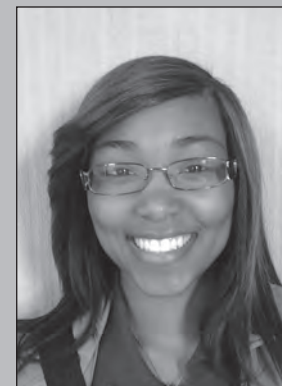
"I don't stress about it because if you don't know (the material) by now, you don't know it all."

Julius Koger,
senior liberal arts
major



"I study and I try not to over stress myself; no overloads."

Donequea Farmer,
junior nursing major



"I take really long naps and stay positive."

Lakeira Watson,
junior biology major



"I tend to go to sleep earlier, get at least eight hours of sleep and (eat) a balanced breakfast."

Tela Wilcox-Pugh,
senior biology major

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High School Day welcomes many prospective students

By Brittany Kendrick
Contributing Writer

More than 500 students from the Oklahoma City area attended Langston University's High School Day on Nov. 7 to show their interest in the university's departments and facilities.

"The LU Admissions and Recruitment office hosted High School Day in efforts to boost the university's enrollment numbers in the near future," said Dr. Demetrius Applewhite Gilbert, assistant director of Enrollment Management.

The day started at 9:30

a.m. in the I.W. Young Auditorium with an opening program for the students, which included performances from the LU Marching Pride Band and the LU Choir, followed by a research presentation by Martel McKinney.

Lunch was held in the LU cafeteria, followed by performances from the sororities and fraternities.

LU students showed the potential high school students why they enjoy their college experience.

Darrell Strong, junior broadcast journalism major, gave tours to the students

who attended.

Strong said all of the students were "eager to learn about the next step after high school. They were receptive of how they can prepare themselves now for the future."

The event was covered by Power 103.5 FM to generate more attendance.

Langston also provided an incentive for interested students by offering a \$500 scholarship to any potential student who completed the enrollment process.

"The day went well and the kids enjoyed themselves," Dr. Gilbert said.



Courtesy Photo

High school students across the OKC area visit LU for the annual High School Day event Nov. 7. The students had the opportunity to mingle outside of the SSC with current LU students after eating lunch in the cafeteria.

LU students celebrate Obama's re-election at Rock the Vote rally

By Venesha Reed
Contributing Writer

Langston University students and alumni gathered in the Student Success Center on Monday, Nov. 5, less than 24 hours before the historical election between President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts governor, Mitt Romney.

LU's Student Government Association made it a point to encourage peers, faculty and residents of the city of Langston to vote at the Rock the Vote rally.

This year's presidential election showed the importance of the vote of the youth.

Elizabeth Flock, *U.S. News & World Report* columnist, stated that it was the vote of the young people (between 18 and 29) that made up a large percentage of Obama supporters; therefore, giving him the ultimate push to win the election.

Among the nation's youth who voted were LU students who discussed the most important issues that affect us, as people of the state of Okla-

homa, at the Rock the Vote rally.

The 2012 Oklahoma voting ballot included issues such as the elimination of affirmative action, the removal of the governor from the parole process for people convicted of certain felonies and the allowance of the Oklahoma Water Resource Board to issue bonds, which also affect LU students as minorities.

Beyond voting for a president, "the most important things to me were the issues on the back of the ballot," said Darrell Strong, junior broadcast journalism major. "The Rock the Vote rally helped me to understand those issues better."

For LU student Lee Jones, senior business major, his enthusiasm about the presidential election was overshadowed because he said Oklahoma is a red (Republican) state; therefore, some laws being passed such as getting rid of affirmative action, are not in the best interest of minorities, Jones said.

However, there are those who are still overjoyed about

the re-election of Obama and look forward to America's youth using the re-election as inspiration to press toward their goals.

"I think today's youth will advance beyond the past generation," said Rhonda Cherry, LU staff member.

Cherry also expressed her confidence for Obama's second term.

"With this term, Obama will be able to do more of what he's wanted to do, since his first term was about cleaning up (from the previous administration)," Cherry said.

Journalists Jerry Markon and Amy Gardner of *The Washington Post* said that with this term, Obama plans to grow manufacturing, reward small business owners, cut oil imports in half and focus on creating jobs and increasing and improving education.

The support of the youth for President Obama's re-election could attribute to the president's efforts to make higher education attainable and affordable.

"I have a hard time paying for school as it is," said

Dhiana Brame, sophomore broadcast journalism major.

"Romney's plan wasn't suitable, so I'm thankful that Obama was re-elected. I come from a middle class family and I believe Obama has a plan to help the middle class," Brame said.

On election night, Americans, other nations around the world as well as LU students who supported Obama, gathered to celebrate his re-election.

The roars of the celebration were heard throughout the LU campus on election night.

Students showed their spirit of enthusiasm and joy in the SSC with the presidential election party, where they gathered to witness history.

"I didn't know that Obama won at first," said Brittany Kendrick, sophomore broadcast journalism major.

"I heard a lot of noise outside of my apartment and went outside to see what was going on, and the people were celebrating. It was exciting seeing everyone celebrating the re-election of Obama," Kendrick said.

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have less than 61 credit hours, or enroll online if they have 61 hours or more. If students are re-admits, they need to contact admissions regarding pre-enrollment.

Thomas said the purpose of pre-enrollment is to eliminate stress from students, especially those who are out-of-state.

Not only does this benefit the students, it helps the university with the following semester.

Thomas said it helps to generate a more accurate number of teachers and books that will be needed for each class.

Students who choose not to pre-enroll or who are having financial issues can still enroll the week before school starts, Jan. 9-11, 2013.

"Students will have to wait and enroll in what's available during the regular enrollment period, and hope to enroll in the classes they need and (hope to) avoid any lines or long waiting periods," Thomas said.

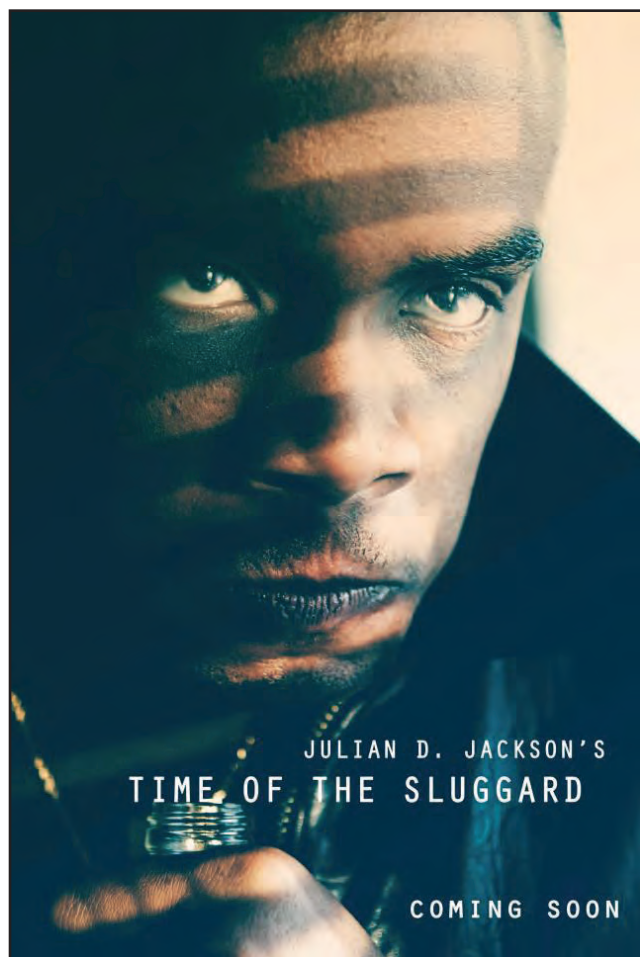
Students can pre-enroll through Friday, Nov. 30.

Two students debut filmmaking projects

By Christian Davis
Contributing Writer

Many students have dreams of making it big on Wall Street, in Silicon Valley, New York or Hollywood, but Langston University has its own hidden talents.

Among everyday college students trying to figure out how to leave their mark on the world in their respective industries, Julian Jackson and Terry Haynes Jr. have started building up their portfolios and making their claim to fame in the film industry.



"I have a passion for theater arts; I have found my gift," said Haynes, junior broadcast journalism major from Chicago.

Both Haynes and Jackson have made several films that have debuted in contests and screenings in an effort to promote their careers as writers, directors and filmmakers.

Jackson is a senior broadcast journalism major from Omaha, Neb. His most current film is titled "The Climax."

"The Climax" is a tale about friends with secrets that is slowly unfolding in the midst of their reality. Unfaithfulness and an unforgiving past catch up with them, causing a chain reaction of deadly hatred.

The film was written by the main star of the film, Mauricio Griffin. The film explores the elements of a relationship and following Murphy's Law, which is "what can go wrong will go wrong."

"Understanding that these types of bad and meaningless relationships happen in today's society is what Griffin wanted to express, and also how deeply hurt one can be and how it can lead to a lot of disturbing behavior," Jackson said.

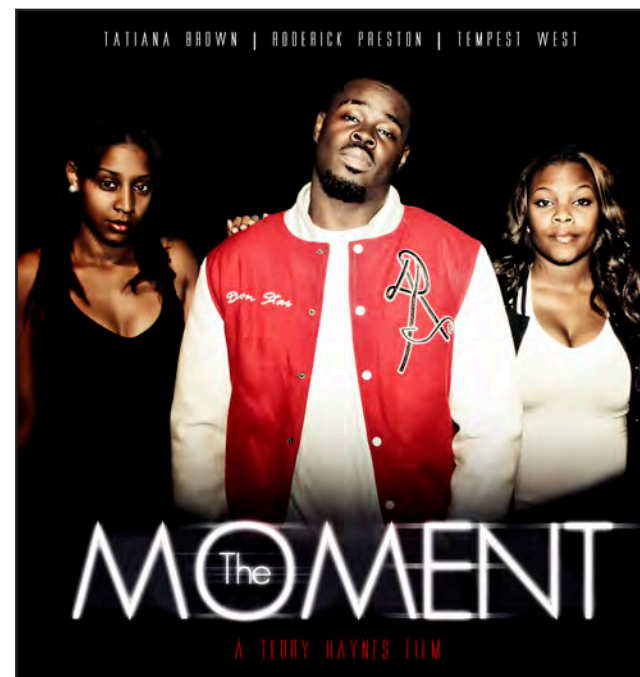
Jackson said he was excited to direct this piece because it was out of his element, and simply because he usually doesn't direct or write films that are strictly about relationship problems. He said he saw it as a challenge and a new style of film to conquer.

"I thought to myself, let me explore more genres out there and see where it takes me," Jackson said.

He added that he is happy he branched out into something new and that his cast of actors made it an amazing experience.

The film was debuted for the first time at LU in October at the Relationships and Domestic Violence Seminar in the Student Success Center. "The Climax" is currently at the No. 2 spot in the MY FILM ROCKS competition.

While at LU, Haynes has helped found 21 Ele-



ments and Langston Filmmakers, two organizations dedicated to helping artists create and express their visions.

"My two years at Langston University have given me an opportunity to express myself and my arts through my poetry and films, with guidance from my instructors," Haynes said.

Haynes also has a background in the promotions industry, which he took by storm when he created his own social connection called Topic Models. It is a program that helped him promote models and up-and-coming hip hop artists in the Chicago area.

In the midst of his many talents and trades, Haynes continues to keep journalism and filmmaking at the forefront.

Haynes' most current project is titled "The Moment," in which he made auditions open to LU students, once again using his gifts and talents not only as an outward expression of himself but as encouragement for other artists on the rise.

Annual Holiday Concert features alumnus Lonnie Easter

By Lauren Smith
Contributing Writer

Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King. It's the time of year again for the Langston University Department of Music to present the annual Holiday Concert.

The 28th Annual Holiday Concert will be held at 8 p.m., Nov. 29, in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

It will feature performances by the LU Concert Band and the Jazz Ensemble. The LU Concert Choir

also will perform a series of holiday songs using arrangements by Glenn E. Burleigh, a native of Guthrie.

This year's featured guest will be saxophonist and LU alumnus Lonnie Easter.

Easter, originally from Omaha, Neb., culminated his collegiate music career by winning a student Down Beat award for best R&B performance in 2001 and appearing on the nationally televised "Showtime at the Apollo."

After college, Easter be-

gan teaching music in public and private venues. He also spent much time performing with local bands and playing in churches.

In 2004, Easter decided to step out on his faith and pursue a career as a solo artist.

In an LU press release, Bonita Franklin, interim director of the music department, said, "Lonnie Easter is a great example of what our students can achieve with an LU education. His music appeals to all audiences and we are very ex-

cited to have him return to LU to perform for us."

According to an LU press release, Easter has opened for and performed with artists such as Brian McKnight, Vivian Green, Erykah Badu, Kirk Whalum, Keyshia Cole and Wayman.

According to the Fear of a Blank Planet music website, he has played at several renowned venues including the Apollo in New York and the House of Blues in New Orleans and Chicago.

He has performed at various jazz and blues festivals across the nation and has been featured on BET-Jazz.

He has received critical acclaim from noted saxophone players like Kirk Whalum and his musical talents are clearly on display in his inaugural album. He has also opened at major sporting events including MLB and NBA games.

LU will have the annual Christmas tree lighting immediately following the concert.

Students enjoy study abroad experience

By **Jamie Reed**
Contributing Writer

In summer 2001, U.S. students attending public high schools registered to study abroad at accredited U.S. colleges and universities in Santo Domingo for which they received college credits toward an undergraduate degree program.

Langston University was one of the colleges to participate in the study abroad program.

This semester, two LU students have been studying internationally. Tiffany Geddis has been in Swansea, Wales and Terry Lewis has been in Tanzania, Africa. Both students are in classes during the week and on the weekends they travel to other countries as well.

According to the LU website, LU offers a unique opportunity for students, faculty and other individuals to travel, study and learn in Africa and The Dominican Republic, Asia, countries in Europe and Latin America.

The purpose of the Langston University Study Abroad Program is to familiarize all participants with global languages, educational and political systems, cultures and values.

Geddis is a psychology major with a minor in sociology. She also studies Spanish and plans on making it her minor as well.

In Swansea, Geddis takes a variety of classes including a Greek Romance class.

After college, Geddis wants to work with children.

"I want to start in Oklahoma and do youth counseling focusing on

non-drug treatments and in social services helping abused children," Geddis said.

Geddis said eventually she wants to take what she has learned and work to reform children's mental health-care worldwide. Geddis recommends studying or traveling abroad to any 20-year-old who is physically able.

Geddis said you can never get experiences by staying at home. There is so much to learn culturally and there is so much history wherever she goes, everything has a story, she said.

"It is one of the most amazing and beneficial experiences of my life. The places I have seen and the people I have met have changed my outlook on life," Geddis added.

She said that being away has taught her that nothing can hold anyone back. Geddis continued to say that she has met so many people from different circumstances and they do not let anything slow them down or stop them from accomplishing their goals.

"I have been to Worms Head in Gower, Wales. I have been to Stonehenge and another stone circle site in Avebury. I went to the City of Bath in England where a true Roman Bath was discovered. I have been to London and Amsterdam and will be in Paris in a few weeks," Geddis said.

Geddis plans to study abroad again, hopefully for a full year.

In Tanzania, Africa, the largest of the East African nations, Lewis also studies as an international student.

Lewis, a senior international studies major, spent the spring semester at Koc (pronounced coach) University in Istanbul, Turkey studying international relations and the Turkish lan-



Courtesy Photo

Tiffany Geddis poses with a Lego statue of Queen Elizabeth II. Geddis is currently studying in Swansea, Wales as part of the LU Study Abroad Program.

guage. Currently, Lewis is studying international relations and Swahili at the University of Dar es Salaam in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and is planning for a future in diplomacy with the United States Foreign Service.

"My international experience has been the best experience of my college career. It has allowed me to build relationships and contacts with professionals as well as dear friends around the world," Lewis said.

He said he would recommend studying abroad to all Langston students for at least one semester. Lewis continued to say it is important for us as a minority serving institution to represent the U.S. abroad in education and there are a number of scholarships available for just that purpose.

Lewis said studying abroad is a life-changing experience that offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live abroad for an extended period of

time.

Lewis has visited Turkey: Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Bursa, Isparta, Kas. (pronounced Ka-shh); Greece: Athens, Agnea; In Italy Lewis has been to Rome and the Vatican City, Paris, France, Cairo and Alexandria in Egypt, Arusha, Lushoto, Iringa, Zanzibar, and his current location in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

According to the LU website, the LU Study Abroad Program is a cooperative and collaborative infrastructure that facilitates candidate acquisitions of foreign language skills and global cultural experiences through study abroad programs in several parts of the world.

It is especially designed to facilitate LU students' participation in an international education program that equips them to become actively involved in the globalization process.

"This experience has helped me grow as a person as well as a student. It has taught me what the important things are in life and how similar people are regardless of nationality, race or ethnicity," Lewis said.

Students at LU have an opportunity to apply for the Gilman Scholarship, Boren Awards and the Fulbright Scholarship for study abroad.

Contact Dr. Mose Yvonne Brooks Hooks in Moore Hall, Room 119 or at 405-466-3339 for additional information.

Online information for the fellowships can be found at www.iie.org/gilman, www.borenawards.org and us.fulbrightonline.org.

The Gilman Fellowship deadline is in January 2013. Other deadlines follow during the year 2013.

Instagram becoming new social trend for college students

By **Khalia Naquin**
Contributing Writer

Instagram, a website that is a "fast, beautiful and fun way to share your photos with friends and family," has become one of the latest social networking trends among college students.

Instagram, which was introduced earlier in 2011, is popular through its cell phone application.

According to the Instagram website, users can snap pictures, choose a filter to transform the pictures' look and feel and then post them to share with their Instagram followers or to Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr.

"Instagram is just another reason for people to have a reason to look at

themselves on the Internet," said Kendal Young, sophomore computer technologies major. "I don't have one, and I don't need one, but it seems like everybody else on campus needs it."

But other students consider it as important in their everyday lives as Facebook and Twitter.

Desiree Shaw, sophomore nursing major, said she has an Instagram account and she uses it every day, multiple times. She also said she uses it as a way to express her own, individ-



ual personality, not only to take pictures of herself, but of things she is interested in as well.

Shaw said Instagram is "coming up in the world,"

and that it is starting to make Facebook look old and boring in comparison.

Amber Williams, sophomore psychology major, said she doesn't have an Instagram account, but only because her phone isn't compatible with the app.

"I see why people have Instagram.

I want (an account), but I can't have one. If I could..., I would have it," Williams said.

Williams also said that because she doesn't have an account, she feels like she's "out of the loop," and that she is missing out on something trendy. She said she plans on setting up an account as soon as possible.

Tiffany Riley, sophomore business major, said she has an Instagram account, but doesn't feel the need to check it regularly.

"It's just something that I have," Riley said. "It's not like I need it in my life."

She said it's just something that "popped up" and if it disappeared, people would just go on with their lives.

Students think cafeteria needs larger variety of healthy foods

By Leslie Simon
Contributing Writer

"The options we are limited to in the cafeteria need to be expanded," said Jerina Williams, a senior nursing major.

One of the major complaints about most college dining facilities is that the food served is plentiful, but not particularly tasteful.

It's hard to combine nutrition with taste, and still meet state guidelines.

"Langston University may be popular for many things, but the cafeteria food is not one of them," said Meredith Cook, an employee with Langston University dining services.

Cook said traditional college cafeteria menus are usually loaded with items such as juice cocktails, sodas, dinner foods such as hamburgers, grilled cheese sandwiches



Photo by Da'Rius Oden

LU students eat lunch in the cafeteria, while discussing various food choices. Students think the cafeteria should have more healthy food options.

and fries, and breakfasts that contain large amounts of oils and fat.

"Langston has (come) a long way as far as food is concerned," Cook said. "We

have a great Burger King and our brand new establishment called World of Wings, which is an established restaurant in New Orleans, La."

A new soul food restau-

rant opened in the Langston Retail Plaza this semester as well. Burger King and World of Wings offer the option of paying cash, credit card or using Langston Bucks.

Cook said the cafeteria food is available daily through student meal plans.

Monday-Friday it is open from 7 to 9 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch and 5 to 7 p.m. for dinner. On Saturday it is open from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch and 5-6 p.m. for dinner. Sunday the cafeteria is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Although the cafeteria is open each day, some students still are not satisfied with the menu options.

"There needs to be more options in the café alone for students without Langston Bucks," said Ashley Washington, freshman biology major.

Others think the cafeteria

needs more of a health-food variety.

"The options are very limited on healthy eating," Williams said.

She said that although students usually have some fresh fruit and salad bar options available to them, the selection of healthy foods is usually less varied and flavorless. Therefore, Williams said, many students still choose the unhealthy food.

"If only there was a way to combine healthy food, and food that tastes good," Williams said.

According to Yahoo News, a new trend of incorporating exciting and well-balanced meals seems to be hitting only the top-tier schools, where wealthier students are prominent and can afford to have the best food available.

"Langston's cafeteria needs options that suite everyone," Williams said.

PR class creates video news releases

By Da'Rius Oden
Staff Writer

Dr. Lisa Rollins, chairwoman of the Department of Communication at Langston University, is helping students in her public relations class develop electronic press kits and produce video news releases.

The broadcast journalism major in the communication department involves television, radio and print media. The video news releases, or VNRs, can be used in all aspects of the journalism field.

A VNR is a combination of media files for an artist or company to use as exposure or as a branding and marketing tool. This also can be used as a recruitment tool for media businesses.

The clients who the PR class has chosen for the

VNR projects this semester include a hip-hop artist by the name of "Kulprit D" and the Information Technology department of LU.

The IT department deals with all of the computer technology LU has, from the library to faculty and staff computers, and dormitory Internet connection.

Kulprit D expressed his gratitude for being selected as a client for the class.

"I'm very honored that the group would take the time to work with me and for me on my VNR," Kulprit D said. "I'm super hyped to see the finished product and it'll be great to get it out there..."

Jennifer Williams-Bradshaw, senior broadcast journalism major who is taking the PR class, said she has enjoyed the learning experience she has received through the VNR project.

She said she is looking forward to creating one in her future career as a media professional.

"It's actually kind of ground-breaking," Williams-Bradshaw said. "It's something new, something

exciting. It's given me the tools I need to be successful further down the line."

The VNRs will be available for viewing on YouTube by the end of the current semester.

"It is our hope that we

can enter these VNRs into competitions like SPJ and OBEA," Rollins said. "The field is changing and we've got to change with it, so we are trying to teach these students the right skills and what to expect."

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Lions play through injuries, finish football season 6-4

By Talibb Woods
Contributing Writer

Some say that football is 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical, but for the Langston Lions, the 2012 season was 100 percent physical.

"We have overcome a lot of hurdles this season, but I'm happy I survived," said wide receiver Sheldon Augustine, sophomore from New Orleans.

The season had a challenging schedule of opponents but the ultimate challenge was about remaining healthy.

From the beginning to the end of the season, the team suffered injuries that hurt

the team in performances.

A week before the season started, a key defensive player, Earl Horton, suffered an ankle injury that stuck with him throughout the season. By the fourth game, the team had lost three players from injuries.

Three players suffered knee injuries and another suffered a concussion that left him out for the entire season.

There were other players who were hurt, but they were able to rehabilitate and play through it.

"The game of football is a tough sport and injuries come with it, but you have to prepare and rehab properly," said athletic trainer

Ross McColluh.

As the season came to an end, some players showed a sign of relief to get a chance to rest.

There were only three home games and the team traveled as far as Chicago, which was a 15-hour bus ride.

"Some games I feel okay, but the long bus rides back home tend to add more pain and soreness on my body the next day, sometimes even pain in my neck," said Pierre Alexander, junior defensive tackle from Oklahoma City.

The Lions won two of six away games, but remained undefeated at home.

The Lions finished the season with a 6-4 record.



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Two LU defensive players, Edward Wright (far left) and Chace Green (far right), tackle a receiver from Oklahoma Panhandle State University (middle), sandwiching him as he attempts to run with the ball. LU beat OPSU 27-20 in the final game of the 2012 season Nov. 12.

Basketball player reflects on team trip to Chicago

Those who live the life of a college athlete know it is not for everyone because of late nights and early mornings, sacrificing time with family and friends and sacrificing a social life. But with sacrifice, also comes rewards.

The Langston University men's basketball team traveled to Chicago Nov. 12-16 to play a game against Robert Morris University.

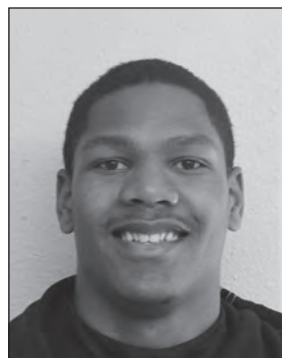
This was homecoming for some team members, including senior forward Modteets Williams.

"I have been around the USA, and have played ball in many places but there is nothing like Chicago basketball," Williams said.

Being my first time in Chicago, I was excited to see what the city had in store.

The first stop we made was the Southside YMCA for practice. Walking into the gym, I could see that the youth at the facility had not seen a collegiate team play before in the gym.

"You can see that some of the kids were a little star-struck when we were stretch-



Bailey

ing and warming up," said freshman guard Mike Burgen.

The oohs and ahs echoed with every dunk during the warm-ups. Eyes were glued to us with every move we made. It was like warming up for an all-star game.

"Growing up in Southside Chicago, any chance I got to see older players practice or play I would go, but never did a college team come practice in the Y," said senior guard Emil Clayton.

After practice it was finally time to eat. There were two things I constantly heard about Chicago during the 15-hour bus ride to the megacity—Downtown and the fa-

mous deep-dish pizza.

Later that night we visited the famous pizza restaurant, Giordano's.

One bite of that pizza was like a small piece of heaven. I could taste the natural ingredients that had been in the recipe for decades.

After devouring many slices of pizzas, it was time to go straight to the hotel because we had practice the next day.

Day two started out with a practice, but where we practiced at made it special, which was Simeon High School.

Located in the Southside of Chicago, Simeon is a basketball factory for high-school basketball players. Greats have walked through those halls.

Players like Ben Wilson, whose life story was recently part of ESPN 30, a documentary series; Derrick Rose, who was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2008 NBA draft and regular season MVP in 2010-2011; and Jabari Parker, who is a high school senior and rated as the top recruit for the 2013 class, all attended Simeon.

Walking through the halls myself, I could see all the history, and being a basketball player, I couldn't help but be mesmerized.

Head Coach Robert Smith met the team at center court to give us pointers on how a team can be successful and wished us good luck with the season.

After practice, it was time to do a little sightseeing.

Being a kid of Kansas, where you don't get to see much city life, going to Downtown Chicago was a little intimidating. Everything was so fast-paced and everyone seemed to be on an important business mission.

"I'm from Stillwater and I thought Oklahoma City was big until we got to Chicago; that place is huge," said freshman guard Dylan Murrell.

After Downtown, we went back to the hotel to rest for the big game the following day.

Day three seemed long, but game time came quickly.

We went to Attack Athletics before the game to get used

to the rims.

Attack Athletics gym is where Michael Jordan trained and where his trainer works. This also is where the NBA combine is hosted each year.

Many pros played on the same court that we were playing and many pros still return to work out there.

The game was hard-fought, but we lost by nine points. With a bitter taste of defeat, it was difficult to talk to people who came to the game to support us.

"I wanted to win so (badly) in front of all my family and friends, but we played hard and gave our best," said junior forward Travis Scott.

Although we lost the game, the experience was something I will never forget.

Now, it is back to being a student again and back to the world of homework, but this is the life you live when you're a college athlete. I cherish every minute of it.

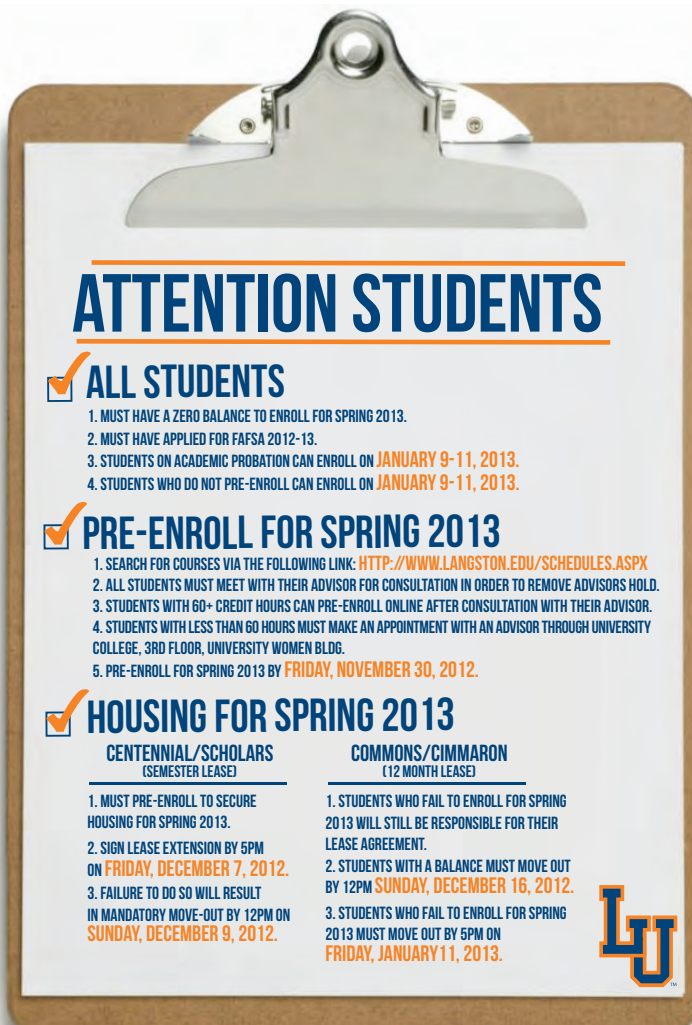
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5 p.m. Movie: Rocky

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